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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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: EXAMINER: FREDMAN

SERIAL NO. : 09/556,127

FILED: APRIL 20, 2000

: GROUP ART UNIT: 1655

FOR: METHOD FOR DETERMINING  
A CONCENTRATION OF TARGET  
NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES,  
NUCLEIC ACID PROBES FOR THE  
METHOD, AND METHOD FOR  
ANALYZING DATA OBTAINED  
BY THE METHOD

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated August 28, 2001, Applicants request  
reconsideration in light of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown in the attached marked-up copy to read as follows:

Please cancel Claims 46, 59 and 72.

2. (Amended) A nucleic acid probe for determining a concentration of a target nucleic  
acid, said probe being labeled with a fluorescent dye, wherein:

    said probe is labeled at an end portion thereof with said fluorescent dye, and